

Moncton Maroons Win Right to Meet Bathurst for Hockey Title

Esikimos Capture 2-1 Victory Over Moncton In Tilt at Edmundston

Winners Capture Round 4-2 --- Will Play For N. B. Championship

EDMUNDSTON, N. B., Feb. 27.—The Moncton Maroons blazed their way to the New Brunswick hockey finals here last night although losing to the Eskimos 2-1.

Winning the first battle of the two game series, the Hubmen captured the round 4-2. They will now meet the Bathurst seniors in the struggle for provincial ice supremacy.

"Snap" Dickie and "Bill" Gulliver starred in the victory of the Edmundston team, which was out-skated when necessary by James' raiders. Dickie opened the scoring in the first period on a passing play featuring Gulliver and Rousseau and Gulliver's winning goal in the third was unassisted.

George Bell scored the Maroons' only goal in the second period when he broke away from the Eskimo raid on Barton to draw Ritchie from his nets in the dying stages of the second period.

Goals Disallowed

Both teams claimed goals which were disallowed after several minutes argument on each and when the rulings of the goal judges were accepted.

Martin broke through the Maroon forwards but was stopped by Bastarache who skated him off to the corner and then Fournier tried to crack the Moncton defence and got his shot away which did not leave the ice.

Right after the change of lines Bill Gulliver went in on Barton who cleared the rubber to Bell who sent it up the ice to be brought back again to the Moncton net where it was muffed as the Eskimo passes failed to click. Walker followed his forwards in and held the play in the visitors' defence zone but Bastarache saved when he flicked the puck out of danger as Fournier was ready to shoot in scoring position.

Light Fails To Flash

Soon after Len LeBlanc carried the puck down the side of the rink and in a scramble it looked as if the Maroons had scored but the light failed to show and the first argument of the evening ensued with the result that the claim was disallowed. Chapman and Ken Carroll were in the play with LeBlanc.

Moncton's defence was covering well and Dickie was icing the puck at every opportunity. Ritchie, on the other hand, was covering the Eskimos net on the short raids of the Hub team which were generally broken up before serious damage resulted.

Another argument resulted when the Eskimos claimed Martin scored. It was also disallowed and soon after the argument Bastarache was penalized for tripping Dickie and Dickie soon followed him for tripping Chapman.

Both teams started the second period with a man short but the play speeded up with the Maroons carrying the offensive. Dickie, Gulliver and Rousseau broke in on Barton who saved several shots in succession.

The Eskimos had five men charging and Barton became fairly busy until Bell hooked the puck and cleared after Duffy and Martin went in. Bell was stopped by Ritchie and Fournier carried the puck back to the Maroon defence where Dickie took it and shot it up the ice out of danger.

Turn On Heat

Eskimos turned on all the heat possible at the start of the third in an effort to catch up with the Moncton team, who dominated the series and continued their exhibition of ragging the puck at every opportunity to stave off any chance for scoring position by their opponents.

Bill Walker called out four forwards for a drive to recoup his losses on the series and Dickie led the attack followed by the remainder of the team who forced to use a safety man as the Maroons cleared. Gulliver worked himself into position but over-anxious he missed the puck on the shot but in the excitement that followed he flipped it at Barton who missed it as it went by Bastarache.

A highlight of the period was the mad dash by Carroll who skated after an ice puck to Ritchie. He was followed by Walker who caught up to him to knock the puck out of danger at the cost of a penalty to himself. Moncton played more or less defensive hockey waiting for the breaks. Len LeBlanc received the first and on his drive he shot wide of the net. Chapman and Bell went in with him but the play worked back out to centre ice before any damage resulted.

TRACK MOGULS OPPOSE BILLS

BOSTON, Feb. 27.—Pointing out that the state would lose \$333,000 usually netted from horse racing by two bills now being considered by the legal affairs committee, Charles F. Adams, president of the Eastern Racing Association, voiced bitter disapproval yesterday against proposed legislation to restrict horse racing in the Commonwealth.

Although four bills were considered with Adams assailing all of them, he particularly opposed bills, which would prohibit so-called comeback money being handled at race tracks of the state and an attempt to limit daily racing cards to six races instead of the usual eight.

By slashing the daily race cards to six races, Adams pointed out, the state would lose approximately \$300,000 a year while the banning of comeback money would reduce the state's legal take from racing by \$33,000, his argument being based on figures for 1936 racing.

In addition, Adams protested a bill which would automatically fine a racing association \$5,000 if a horse is found doped, while he assailed another bill designed to put horses in a receiving barn two hours before a race.

\$300,000 Loss

Rep. James P. Donnelly of Lawrence is father of the bill seeking to restrict race tracks to six races a day. However, none appeared in favor of the proposed measure. It was during the discussion of this bill that Adams pointed out that it would cost the state \$300,000 in revenue.

In discussing the proposed measure to eliminate comeback money as is practiced at the present time at Santa Anita, Adams gave it as his opinion that the state would lose about \$300,000 on the face of 1936 figures. He pointed out that there was a total of \$224,000 in comeback money bet at Suffolk Downs last year and \$106,000 at Arcam.

An Santa Anita, where comeback bets are prohibited, the money still continues to flood the mutual department with betting orders being received outside the track and rushed to the betting enclosures.

Crime To Done

Rep. Bernard Fink's son of Dorchester is father of the bill to prevent comeback money and also sponsor of the bill to find track operators guilty if evidence is obtained that a horse has been doped.

Adams pointed out that the state racing commission has power to suspend anyone found guilty of doping a horse and at the same time, voiced the opinion that he hoped the day would come, when such offence would be considered a crime. He also pointed out that it was impossible to make a test before a given race.

MOUNTIE'S WIN COLLEGE TITLE

SACKVILLE, Feb. 26.—The Garnet and Gold clad hockey squad of Mount Allison University, declared New Brunswick Intercollegiate champions Wednesday night, when the University of New Brunswick lost her last chance of winning the title by defeat at the hands of St. Thomas College, dumbled the Red and Black squad of the capital city here tonight in the college rink 6-0.

The Mounties played heads-up hockey all the way and deserved their victory. The Mount Allison victory gave playing coach Bill Dickie his second shutout over U.N.B. sextet this season.

Lineups:

Mount Allison: Goal, Dickie; defence, MacKay, MacCallum, Cunningham; centre, Copp, Crowe; left wing, Young, V. Johnson; right wing, R. Johnston, Cumming.

U. N. B.: Goal, Wilson; defence, Palmer, Brown; forwards, MacKinnon, Burgess, Bartlett, McGinnis, Ritchie, McGibbon, Jackson, Roberts.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT

ON EXPEDITION

(Special to The Daily Mail) PARIS, Feb. 26.—General Franco has issued a warning to all nations that his boats have been laying mines in Spanish waters. Last week the French government started a mine sweeping expedition, the navy being outside of the Spanish waters destroying the mines.

Just before the game ended Duffy was penalized for an illegal check.

THAT BASEBALL SITUATION!

ACCORDING to press reports received from various sections in the Maritimes, preliminary organization plans are already under way among the different baseball clubs in preparation for the opening of the summer's campaign. Locally, there has been no moves made toward organization. This procedure repeats itself each year and at a time when other clubs are 'squaring-away' for season's activities the diamond squads in this district are just in the process of organization.

Sport fans in the locality are asking questions regarding baseball prospects here this summer, but no information is available. Club officials have no definite ideas relative to the plan of campaign this coming season—merely a case of procrastination—"putting off until tomorrow what should be done today."

However, despite the lethargy of the sport moguls it is likely some announcements will be forthcoming soon in connection with the season's baseball programme. Although hockey is the main topic of conversation when sport fans meet in the corner cigar store, baseball is beginning to be whispered among the prophets who predict that 1937 season will be a banner one in local sport history.

The game has been a dead issue insofar as Fredericton is concerned, but "across the river" the game flourishes like the proverbial "flowers in spring." Many former veterans of diamond wars in this city are endeavoring to bring about a revival of the summer pastime here. There is absolutely no reason why Fredericton cannot be represented in the York-Sunbury league, and any move to bring this into effect will be heartily supported by fandom as a whole.

Now is the time to moot the organization of a local baseball club. It will require several weeks to bring this about and no time should be wasted. The fans want baseball and they are entitled to have it.

A report was current here during the last few days that South Devon will sponsor a senior baseball club. This move was reported as being made in view of the fact that plans are underway for the construction of a new athletic field in that community. The proposed park will have all the facilities of an up-to-date athletic centre, and according to plans the diamond will be one of the best, if not the best in the Maritimes. Announcement of the proposed establishment of the park was made yesterday by His Worship Mayor A. J. McEvoy, who is one of the most prominent sportsmen in the district.

COLLEGE HURDLER TO COMPETE IN INDOOR MEET

BOSTON, Feb. 26.—Tom McFarland, crack Boston College hurdler, who placed fourth in the recent N.Y.A.C. meet, will compete in the National A.A.U. indoor championships at Madison Square Garden next Saturday according to word received from the B.C.A.A. last night.

With such outstanding hurdlers as Johnny Donovan and Watson of Dartmouth, and Captain Bill Schmidt of Harvard all competing in the Quadrennial meet at the Boston Garden next Saturday, McFarland's chances of winning or at least placing well are greatly enhanced.

McFarland has been competing in all the big indoor meets of the winter season and placed well in all. Coach Jack Ryder has been grooming the Arlington junior, for the I. C. 4 A. championships in March.

In addition to McFarland the other Eagle entries in the national championships will be Dick Gil in the 600 meters and Dimitri Zaitz, defending champion in the shot put.

MOUNT ALLISON HOOPSTERS WIN OVER U. N. B.

The U.N.B. basketball squad were nosed out here last night by the Mt. A. hoopsters 33-32. Trainer's squad looked better last night than in previous contests staged here.

Last night's win gives Mt. A. a one-point lead in the league scoring, and the second and final game scheduled for Sackville on March 12 will determine the 1937 N. B. Intercollegiate champions. Total scores of the two games are reckoned. Curt Cameron, U.N.B. forward was the high scorer of the contest with 16 points to his credit.

The garnet and gold co-eds trimmed the U.N.B. co-eds in a preliminary contest 39-25. Lineups:

Mt. A.—C. Johnson, f. 9; Adair, f. Jones, f. 4; Seaman, f. 2; Crawford, c. 7; Leidlau, c. Stone, c. 6; Homer, c. 3; Veniot, f. 2; Rowland, c. 0.

U.N.B.—Smith, f. 5; G. Currie, f. 2; E. Currie, f. Cameron, f. 16; Corbett, c. 1; Murray, g. 4; Bell, g. 4; Harris, g.

Referee, Doug Skinner, Saint John.

No Captain

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—For the first time since John McGraw became manager of New York Giants in 1902, the New Yorkers will play without a field captain this season. Manager Bill Terry explained he had several good men available for the post vacated by Travis Jackson but that he did not want to play favorites by naming one of them field captain. Jackson will manage the Giants' farm at Jersey City.

"AROUND THE SPORT CLOCK"

—WITH—
"Dinny" Dinsmore

Edmundston Eskimos defeated the Moncton Maroons last evening, but that 3-0 loss suffered at Moncton earlier in the week was a bit too much to overcome. The irony of fate crept into the series, as that goal which Bill Walker cleared into the Edmundston net at Moncton, looked big at one time last night.

The Bathurst team with Clint Gammon, former Fredericton Millionaire and Capital player, in the role of star playmaker defeated Sackville, and thus earned for themselves the right to battle it out with Moncton for the N. B. title.

Berwick's battling Bruins tonight held Bridgewater Hawks to a 2-all draw to toss the Hawks out of the provincial senior hockey playdowns. Berwick took the first game of the two-game total-goal series 7-1 and the series 9-3. Bruins qualified to play winner of the Halifax-Wolfville series for the right to enter the senior finals. Playing coach Walter Lawlor of Charlottetown led Berwick to victory over sloppy ice by scoring one goal and assisting in another.

The hockey matches at Wembley Stadium, London, England, attracted 343,546 fans in 1936, while Empire Pool Stadium totalled 2,013,254 and Speedway Park 404,140.

Antigonish Bulldogs, last year's N. S. champions, got away to a good start last night by defeating Truro Bearcats 7-3. The Bulldogs and Sydney Telephones are favorites to meet for the Nova Scotia crown.

CANADIAN SKI-JUMPING CHAMP TO DEFEND CROWN

(Special to The Daily Mail) BANFF, Feb. 26.—Percy Bott, of the Ski Club of Montreal present Canadian ski jumping champion will defend his title on the Mount Norquay ski jump on March 7. His entry was received here today. In the last Dominion championships he took the title with 221 points for combined distance and form. He will also compete in the slalom and downhill events. From the same club the entry of P. G. Christie has been received for the down hill and slalom events. Stanley Duresne of Trois Rivières Ski Club, Quebec, who placed 11th in last year's Dominion championship jumping has also entered for that event here and Gordon Harrington and Miss Meta Scott of Grouse Mountain Ski Club, Vancouver, are entered for the downhill and slalom races.

TORONTO, Feb. 26.—Thirty contestants for the Dominion ski championships at Banff, Alta., from March 5 to 8 will leave the Union Station, Sunday evening at 10:55 in two special cars attached to the C.P.R. western flyer No. 3, they are drawn from Buffalo, Chatham, Kitchener, Windsor, Tillsonburg, Peterboro, Carleton Place, Ottawa, Montreal, in addition to Toronto.

Six left last Sunday over Canadian Pacific liners in order to take advantage of a week's practice at Banff. They came from Buffalo, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. In addition six championship skiers from Switzerland are already at Banff having crossed the Atlantic on the Duchess of York. The return C.P.R. train for the east leaves Banff at 5:35 on Thursday, March 11.

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Feb. 26.—The 400 round-the-world tourists of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain who have been in Ceylon since Monday, left today when the liner sailed from Colombo early this morning for Penang.

Mountain scenery, elephants, extensive tea plantations and the beautiful gardens at Kandy, Nuwara, Ely and Colombo itself rivalled as attractions for the visitors during their stay here. The Empress of Britain's globe-trotting tourists are largely from Canada, the United States and Great Britain, with some also from South America, France and Belgium.

PASS THROUGH VALENCIA (Special to The Daily Mail) VALENCIA, Feb. 26.—Fifty refugees passed through Valencia today. They were most small children and old women who claim that they have walked 400 miles from Malaga to Valencia. They claim that they were bombed several times by airplanes and that they were shot at by machine guns and suffered losses from artillery.

Rookie Confesses He is Best Baseman on Bees

WANTS BAER TO FULFILL CONTRACT

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Brig. General A. C. Critchley, formerly of Calgary, was in New York trying to persuade Max Baer to fulfill his contract for a fight in London, England, May 6.

Baer, who was ready to retire from the ring for good after dropping his heavyweight championship to Jim Braddock and then absorbing a beating from Joe Louis, was back in the midst of the fight argument with two conflicting bouts scheduled. Besides the fight in England against either Ben Foord or Tommy Farr, he also has a contract for a bout here against Bob Pastor in Madison Square Garden March 19.

The affair may be settled at the meeting of the New York State Athletic Commission, when the Pastor bout will come up for approval. Max was summoned for questioning about his often damaged hands and perhaps some other matters, before the New York solons would approve the match.

Meanwhile the Canadian promoter is demanding a showdown.

"Either Baer goes through with my offer or I'm through with him," he said. "I don't want any part of him if he fights Pastor. Personally, I think it's silly for him to fight Pastor. If he beats him, what has he gained? Nothing. If he loses, he's through."

"My agreement with Ancil Hoffman (Baer's manager) was that Baer is not to engage in any fights before May 6. In fact, I've assured him two fights and he'll get \$20,000 for each bout, plus limited expenses. The second will be against Walter Neusel."

Hoffman, cannily figuring on getting at least one good bout, inserted a clause in the Baer-Pastor contract requiring the Garden to obtain the New York Commission's approval on Feb. 10. So far as is known, that has not been given yet, so Max is free to decide either way. However, Critchley says he'll have to leave here March 3 if he's to make the London campaign.

While everyone concerned in the Braddock, Schmeling, Louis fight feud remained silent, reports were current that Braddock would be deprived of his title by the New York Commission if he should fail to appear for the June 3 bout with Max Schmeling.

However no action is due for some time. According to its regular procedure, the commission can't assume Braddock will not show up until he fails to comply with its rule requiring him to be in training within its jurisdiction for five days preceding the bout.

It also was reported that Schmeling would lay claim to the crown if it is taken from Braddock. In that case Max probably would be matched with the best available heavyweight and the winner recognized in New York as champion. Even then it wouldn't have much, if any, effect on the Brad-Louis-Chicago bout.

The Daily News says Max Schmeling will claim the world heavyweight championship if Jimmy Braddock fails to appear for his scheduled bout with the German here June 3.

Quoting Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's American representative, as author of the plan, the paper says, Schmeling probably will be matched with Max Baer or Bob Pastor and the winner recognized by the New York State Athletic Commission as champion. Under its rules, the commission will be forced to declare the title open if Braddock fails to fulfill his contract with Madison Square Garden.

18-Year-Old Leaguer Heading For Spring Training Camp

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 26.—Veteran of four spring training expeditions, but still a minor consigned to upper berths in the presence of his elders, Elbie Fletcher of Milton cannot reach St. Petersburg too soon.

He was tabbed "the best first baseman in the minor leagues" a year ago. Today he confesses he's the best first baseman on the Bees' roster.

"I'm up to stay this time," said Elbie, who won't be a man until March 18.

The approximate approach of that new responsibility has effected a noticeable change in the Milton youngster, who was adopted by the Braves four years ago, the prize package of a sandlot contest.

"It was just a lot of fun before—a spring vacation. Now it's different. Being sent out last season—to Buffalo in the International League—was just what I needed."

"Now that that experiment is over, I realize just what it meant for me. It taught me a lot of baseball. It corrected a lot of faults which would have prevented me from making good."

"But most of all, it taught me to hustle."

"I haven't anything to say about Buck Jordan. He's one good hitter. But neither Jordan nor any other first baseman is going to stand in my way this season."

"Everyone is willing to grant that I can outfield Jordan on my record last season I think I can hold my own offensively with him. I know that there isn't a first baseman in the league who can outthrust me."

No idle threat that—for Fletcher played as flawlessly as ever last season for the International League champions .990, and hit .343, and his batting record included 40 or more doubles, a dozen triples and 19 home runs, remarkable performance for a 20 year old rookie.

The "Honeysuckle Special" is due in St. Petersburg at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, two hours late.

Manager Will McKechnie sent forward instructions. Everyone is expected to be at Watfront Park, in uniform and ready for the drill, which officially opens the 1937 training season.

The "Special" has been running nearly two hours behind schedule, as a result of an unseasonable blizzard through which it plunged blindly from Washington, D. C., to Lacross, N. C.

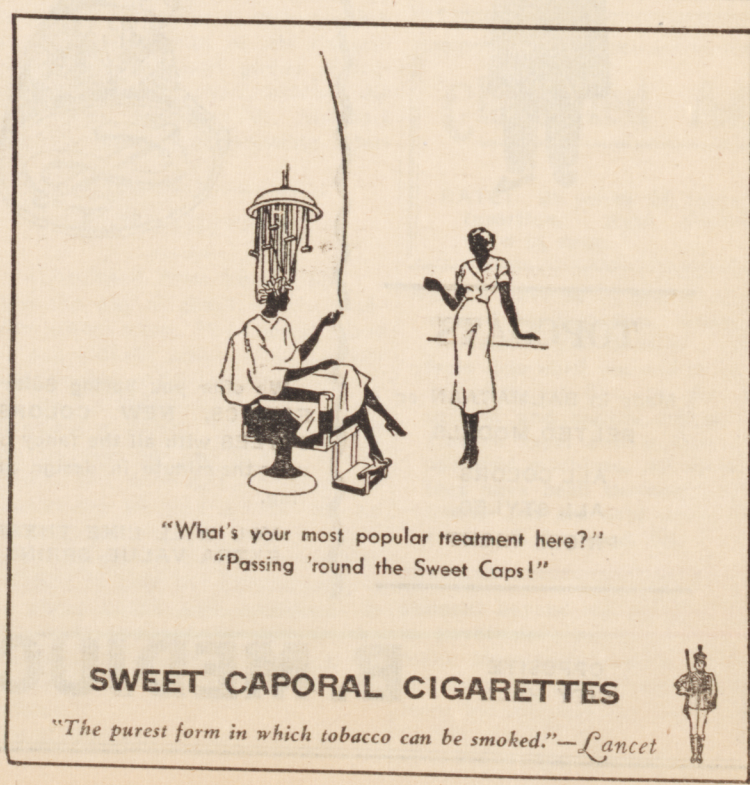
Such a storm would be worth at least a million dollars to New England's snow-famished winter sports resorts.

Lou Bates is Gable Of English Hockey

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In England they call Lou Bates the Babe Ruth of hockey. Captain of Wembley Lions, the handsome young Ottawan recently scored the 100th goal his team has piled up this season.

Bates has been playing hockey in England for three seasons and has built up a tremendous following around the National League circuit. He is the idol of fans in half a dozen rinks and they cheer him every time he rushes down the ice.

The women fans are particularly enthusiastic about Bates whose long, wavy hair and clear-cut features give him an edge over the other hockey battlers in that direction.



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